IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: ASBESTOS PRODUCTS : Consolidated Under LIABILITY LITIGATION (No. VI) : MDL DOCKET NO. 875

This Scheduling Order Relates to: : E.D. Pa. Nos.

Knezevic v. A.W. Chesterton Co., et al. : 13-60009

Jacobs v. Owens-Illinois Inc., et al. : 13-60011

Stanford, Jr. v. Bldg. Servs. Indust. Supply Inc. et al.: 13-60012

Zickert v. Bayer Crop Sci. Inc., et al. : 13-60013

Sebastian v. Owens-Illinois Inc., et al. : 13-60014

MICHAEL E. KUNZ, Clerk
By _____ Dep. Clerk

SCHEDULING ORDER

AND NOW, this 12th day of September, 2013, pursuant to Judge Robreno's order referring these cases to us, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the following discovery and pretrial management deadlines shall apply:

- 1. The Standard Interrogatories adopted by the court on October 5, 2010¹ are deemed served as of this date and shall be responded to by plaintiffs as provided for in the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. Plaintiffs' counsel shall provide to defense counsel signed copies of the Authorization Form for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (Medical Records) Pursuant to HIPAA² by **September 26, 2013**.
- 3. All Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a) initial disclosures must be served by October 3, 2013.
- 4. While procuring documents pursuant to the authorizations, the parties are bound by the Records Collection Protocol³ adopted by the court on November 9, 2011.
- 5. All records collected pursuant to The Records Collection Protocol as well as all other paper discovery shall be completed by **November 7**, **2013**. The parties may not take depositions during this time except by agreement or for good cause and after obtaining permission from the court.

¹ www.paed.uscourts.gov/documents/MDL/MDL875/CV 1.pdf and CV 2.pdf

^{2 01-}MD-875 Docs. 8058 and 8074

^{3 01-}MD-875 Doc. No. 8262

- 6. Notwithstanding the above, the parties may proceed with depositions of co-workers by agreement after the plaintiffs' counsel have provided adequate information in writing and satisfactory to all defendants regarding where and when the co-worker worked with the plaintiff.
- 7. All remaining discovery, including all fact witness depositions, shall be completed by **January 16, 2014.** Depositions shall be governed by the Amended Protocol for Plaintiff and Co-Worker Depositions to Be Taken in Cascino Vaughan Law Office MDL 875 Cases Assigned to Magistrate Judge David R. Strawbridge (as amended April 2, 2012).⁴
- 8. The collection of any pertinent bankruptcy records shall be governed by the Authorization for Release of Bankruptcy Records adopted by the court on December 14, 2011.⁵
- 9. Before attempting to file a motion related to a discovery dispute, the parties shall, in good faith, meet, confer, and attempt to resolve the issue. Failing that, the parties may contact Joel Lang (joel_lang@paed.uscourts.gov) or my chambers to schedule a conference call regarding the issue. The parties are precluded from filing motions regarding such disputes without leave of court.
- 10. Plaintiffs' expert reports must be served by **February 6, 2014**.
- 11. Defendants' expert reports must be served by **February 27, 2014**.
- 12. All expert discovery must be completed by March 13, 2014.
- 13. Any dispositive motions must be filed by **April 3, 2014**.
- 14. Responses to any dispositive motions must be filed by April 24, 2014.
- 15. Replies to any dispositive motions must be filed by **May 8, 2014**.
- 16. Discovery must be propounded and answered in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, unless subject to a written agreement by the parties.
- 17. We are available to conduct settlement conferences at any time, subject to reasonable notice, upon agreement of all applicable parties. For any settlement conference, we will expect the parties to bring a client representative with full settlement authority.

⁴ See 08-90330 Doc. No. 87, Exh. A

^{5 01-}MD-875 Doc. No. 8318

BY THE COURT:

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE